

1 is applied to the top surface of a thin strip of the gelatinous elastomer, the height of the strip can be  
2 compressed by approximately 25 percent of the height of the strip; and

3 further comprising a thin, distortable toroidal membrane having a smooth and regular surface  
4 which encloses the entire sealing pad in an airtight manner.

5 59. (Amended) Goggles for isolation of a user's eyes from the outside environment  
6 comprising [The goggles of Claim 1, further comprising]:

7 a frame including a transparent portion adapted to cover at least one of the user's eyes; .

8 a sealing pad adjacent to the frame, said sealing pad comprising a compliant and resiliently  
9 deformable gelatinous elastomer suitable to conform under pressure to form a substantially airtight  
10 seal between the frame and at least a portion of the user's face adjacent to the sealing pad; and

11 an attachment means for removable attachment of the sealing pad to the frame.

12 63. (Amended) Goggles for isolation of a user's eyes from the outside environment  
13 comprising: [The goggles of Claim 62, wherein the frame consists of a thin sheet of transparent  
14 material.]

15 a flexible frame consisting of a thin sheet of transparent material which conforms generally to  
16 the shape of the user's face and is adapted to cover at least one of the user's eyes; and

17 a sealing pad adjacent to the frame, said sealing pad comprising a compliant and resiliently  
18 deformable gelatinous elastomer suitable to conform under pressure to form a substantially airtight  
19 seal between the frame and at least a portion of the user's face adjacent to the sealing pad.

#### 20 REMARKS

21 The Office Action mailed on June 25, 1999, indicated the following:

22 1. Claim 37 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under  
23 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the final rejection (paper no. 15).

24 2. Claims 59 and 63 are incomplete because they depend from canceled claims but  
25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.